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INSTITUT FRANÇAIS AUX ETATS-UNIS.

THE Institut Français Aux Etats-Unis was formulated at a meeting held in Paris. The institute has as part of its functions the founding and direction of a Museum of French Art, the name of the American organization which has now been incorporated at Albany, being the French Institute and Museum of French Art in the United States.

Some idea of the interest taken in France in the movement is indicated by the signatures to the lettre d'appel for the meeting which resulted in the formation of the institute. These signatures were:

Charles Bayet, Counsellor of State,
Director of Higher Education in
the Ministry of Public Instruction;

Léon Bourgeois, Senator, formerly
President of the Ministerial Council;

Emile Boutroux, Member of Institute;
François Carnot, Deputy, President
of the Central Union of Decorative Arts;

Jules Coulet, Director of the National Office of French Universities and Schools;

Paul Deschanel, of the French Academy, Deputy, formerly President of the Chamber;

Paul Doumer, formerly President of the Chamber of Deputies;

J.-E. Gay, Syndic of the Municipal Council of Paris;

Gabriel Hanotaux, of the French Academy, formerly Minister of Foreign Affairs, President of the Franco-American Committee;

Adolphe Landry, Deputy;

Ernest Lavisse, of the French Academy, Director of the Ecole Normale Supérieure;

Charles Legrand, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Paris;

Anatole Leroy-Beaulieu, Member of Institute, Director of the Ecole libre des Sciences politiques, President of the French Committee of former Official Conferences of the Federation of the French Alliance in the United States;

Louis Liard, Member of the Institute, Vice-Rector of the Academy of Paris;

André Michel, Curator of the Museum of the Louvre, Vice-President of the French Committee of former Official Conferences of the Federation of the French Alliance of the United States;

Marcel Poëte, Curator of the Library of the City of Paris;

Theophile Homolle, Member of the Institute, Director of National Museums;

Raymond Poincaré, of the French Academy, Senator, former Minister.

Americans who signed were:

McDougall Hawkes, Member of the Council of the Federation of the French Alliance of the United States, and President of the New York group of the Alliance.

J. Leroy White, of Baltimore, President of the Federation of the French Alliance of the United States.

Among those who responded to the lettre d'appel and either attended the meeting or expressed themselves as favorable to the movement were:

Bapst, Councillor of State, Director etc. in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

Perry Belmont;

Léonce Bénédite, Curator of the Museum of the Luxembourg;

Adolphe Brisson;

John H. Finley, President of the College of the City of New York;

J. H. Freedlander, President of the Society of Beaux Arts Graduates in New York;

Archer M. Huntington;

Otto H. Kahn;

Raymond Koechlin, President of the Society of Friends of the Louvre; Laloux, of the Academy of Fine Arts, President of the Society of French Artists;

De Nolhac, Curator of the Museum of Versailles;

Rodin;

James Stillman;

Whitney Warren;

T. Tileston Wells, President of the French Alliance of New York;

The Honorary Officers of the American Board of Trustees; the Board; the Council of the institute follow herewith:

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The Mayor of the City of New York;

The President of the National Academy;

The American Ambassador to France;	The President of the National Sculpture Society;
The Consul General of France at New York;	Mr. Charles Bayet, Director of Higher Education, Ministry of Public Instruction and Fine Arts, Paris.

FELLOWS OF THE INSTITUTE, IN THE ORDER OF THEIR ELECTION:

Mr. Marcel Poëte, Director of the Library and of the Bureau of Historical Research of the City of Paris;	J. Le Roy White, President of the Federation of French Alliances, Baltimore; R. de Malleray, Versailles; Walter Gay, Melun;
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Space is given to the above lists of names because they stand for something. Moreover, The Lotus Magazine is the first periodical that appears to have appreciated what this movement for a French museum in the United States means, its scope and its importance; and for this reason The Lotus

desires to give a complete account of the inception of the Institute and Museum—something that can be kept as a record of a beginning.

It will also be seen from the lists of names that, while in this country, the initiative has, as usual, come from private individuals, who stand ready to do their share, many of the Frenchmen, who have pledged their participation, are prominent officially. On the list are a former Premier and another, who, at the time the *lettre d'appel* went out, also a former Premier, has since resumed that high office and, at this writing, is again Premier of France.

Moreover it is quite certain that neither he, nor the other Frenchmen in office, will be mere official figureheads in the movement. Like Lafayette, as soon as they heard of it, their hearts were enlisted.